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MILITARY COUP WAS PLANNED FOR BRITAIN 1974

Two years ago in the first edition of "Forewarned" we reported a rumour that a few years previously the Labour Government's consideration of reforms for the House of Lords had provoked discussions of a military coup in certain officers' messes. Now General Carver has admitted in a recent article in the "Guardian" that a number of junior officers actually planned a coup in 1974. Furthermore, they had approached the Queen Mother with real hopes that she would support them. The Queen Mother is Colonel in Chief of: the Queens Dragoon Guards; the Queen's Own Hussars; the 9/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales); the Kings Regiment; the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment); the Light Infantry and the Royal Anglian Regiment and holds many more very senior ranks. Fortunately she did not respond to their appeal. The coup was poorly planned and soon discovered by senior officers and those involved were hastily dispersed. We understand that the British military incursion in Belize had more to do with getting certain junior officers out of Britain as quickly as possible than with the political situation in Belize.

Although this plot was not in itself a very serious threat it is evidence that our (i.e. N.F.D.A. and before that the P.A.F.C.'s) analysis of the economic climate and conclusion that it was likely to (and still is! if anything the situation is worse now than then) produce an aristocratic landowner backed military coup, was absolutely correct. At the time we made the analysis, in 1973, we had no inside information regarding the extreme right wing at all.

This is also evidence that the most serious threat of fascism in Britain does NOT come from the N.F. or B.M. or their ilk - they are only the clowns whose task is to divert anti-fascist attention and

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S.W.P. retreat thwarted

No sooner was the general election over than the S.W.P. leadership began to organise a withdrawal from the Anti-Nazi League.

To justify this retreat they published a number of misleading and inaccurate articles in the "Socialist Worker", including one by Gordon Vassal of the F.B.U. The "Socialist Worker" played down (even its readership complained) four national N.F. mobilisations and at its national conference in November 1979 it did not even discuss the A.N.L. In fact, in spite of his personal leading position within the A.N.L., Jerry Fitzpatrick spoke only on Ireland.

The ideological tone was set by Colin Sparkes at the international conference in Oxford in June 1979 when he claimed that the N.F. was beaten because it had failed to attarct votes! Is he really unaware that fascism does not seek to gain power by bourgeois parliamentary means? He has written otherwise in his own pamphlets.

The election of the Friedmanist Ms Thatcher and the Powellite Joseph gang has not lessened the danger of fascism. Rather, by intensifying class antagonisms and bitterness, it has increased the danger of fascist demogogic exhortations becoming popular. Is Sparkes a fool who cannot understand simple class economics or is he something worse?

The S.W.P. lay membership and some members of its National Committee (not Central Committee) did realise this. When the A.N.L. H.Q. - controlled by the S.W.P. - mismanaged the National Working Council meeting on November 3rd 1979, the North West regional S.W.P. activists were influential in forcing a re-called regional meeting to revive the A.N.L.

The November 3rd meeting was attended by 17 delegates out of a possible 366. Not one National Steering Committee member attended. Paul Holborrow, Joan Rudder and the A.N.L. printer had all deserted the A.N.L. to run the "Socialist Worker" office leaving unelected Jerry Fitzpatrick and a new S.W.P. assistant to run the A.N.L. office. The situation had become ridiculous.

Maurice Ludmer , editor of "Searchlight" publically criticised the S.W.P. by name at 2 meetings; at Warwick University and in Handsworth. Subsequently an article by Ludmer was published on the back page of the "Socialist Worker" supporting the S.W.P. line. Maurice Ludmer states that the last key part of this article was altered without his permission and that he complained to the person concerned without result.

On Tuesday 5th of February 1980 Ludmer, Bill Dunn and others read a form of riot act, apparently aimed at the National Steering Committee meeting of the A.N.L. From then on the S.W.P. in many areas resumed treating the A.N.L. as priority work.

"Forewarned" commends the S.W.P. on its leading and progressive role in the foundation of the A.N.L. and feels that Communists should be ashamed that the task was left to the S.W.P. and anti-fascist individuals. Under the circumstances it was regrettable but inevitable that, through negligence by non S.W.P. anti-fascists and the S.W.P. seeking to extend its influence, before long the S.W.P. should completely control the A.N.L. This gave credence to the belief that the A.N.L. was merely an S.W.P. front and discouraged non S.W.P. people from supporting it and damaged its ability to be a non-party popular front anti-fascist organisation. It is regretted that elected persons allowed the S.W.P. carte blanche to introduce non-elected people in to controlling positions. hence the slump. Unfortunately the February 5th meeting did not change this situation.

Much of the responsibility for this miserable state of affairs must go to those parties who contributed nothing to this movement and even tried to deny the lead against fascism taken by these same parties in the 1930s. When we criticise the S.W.P. for flagging effort within the anti-fascist movement it goes without saying what we think of those parties who have not yet even begun to make any effort.

The real tragedy of flagging or non-existent effort within the anti-fascist movement is that it indicates that the parties in question have failed to grasp the real nature of the fascist threat: that there is virtually no danger of the N.F. or B.M. ever being elected to parliament. But there is a very great danger that they could provoke a situation of public violence and civil strife that a military junta would have an opportunity to make a fascist coup - and parliament, with no army at its command, could do absolutely nothing to protect us from it. The N.F. and B.M. are only a part of overall fascist strategy, which pays little attention to the expressed wishes of the electorate. The tragedy is that, in their role as diversions to keep anti-fascist attention directed away from the dangers of a military coup, the N.F. and B.M. may be being only too successful.

WE NAME THE FASCISTS part four

When we began our policy of naming members of fascist organisations as supporters of the violent actions carried out by those organisations, many of our friends thought we were taking grave risks, but we are now pleased to be able to inform our readers that our policy is proving itself. In the first place our confidence in the responsible attitude of our readers had been vindicated, we have heard no reports at all of any irresponsible actions arising out of the information given here. But we do have plenty of information indicating that many fascists and potential fascists are dropping out of activity and leaving fascist organisations, especially the very violent British Movement because they do not want their names and addresses published, they are ashamed to be known publicly as associates of their very violent former colleagues.

We know that this is causing concern within the fascist outfits but the fact that their names and addresses have been published has inhibited them from any illegal form of retaliation. But they have attacked us in an article in the "League Review", published by the League of St. George. It was apparently written by a small consortium and includes "research" done by Column 88's own Lesley Vaughan. The article is amazing for the imaginative powers and sense of humour of its authors, who would probably be far more use to the community employed as writers of science fantasy, it certainly gave us a rare opportunity for a really good laugh. We must also thank the League for the fact that for us, anti-fascists, the best possible advertisement is to be slandered by nazis, we are not in the least worried that anyone in their right mind would believe those slanders - the League's credibility rating is abysmal and intelligent people are more than likely to believe exactly the opposite of anything that they assert to be the truth.

Furthermore our policy of naming fascists has elicited much information from other anti-fascists, eager to participate in our programme of monitoring fascist activity. Much of the information sent to us has been painstakingly researched and checked and is very detailed and our own formerly meagre information resources have been increased about three-fold. Therefore our thanks to all those readers without whom this paper would lack a large proportion of its content.

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information wanted

Can anyone, especially anyone living near Bury St Edmunds, give us any recent information on either Peter (or Martin?) Greenslade - former associate of John Tyndall- or Mr John Rowan?

Has anybody any information concerning former S.S. personnel living in Britain, in particular Waffen S.S. members and former collaborators from territories that were occupied by the nazis?

Did anyone, between August 1975 and September 1979, hear any talk of dealing in arms by West Midlands arms dealers and members of the extreme Right? Any information on this but particularly relating to specific instances other than the one mentioned on page 14, is needed. One committee has already contacted us on this.

Can anyone give any information on the activities of the former nazi-collaborationist emigre groups: The N.T.S. (from the U.S.S.R.); the Arrow Cross (Hungary); the Polish "Freedom" Fighters; The Iron Guard Movement (Rumania); the Slovak Peoples Party (Czechoslovakia); the Group for Autonomy in Armenia; the Ustasi (Yugoslavia); and the Organisation of Ukranian Nationalists? All information wanted but documents and photographs are particularly welcome. Strictest confidence assured to all correspondents.

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COLUMN 88: THE NAZI UNDERGROUND

PART ONE: THE ARISTOCRATIC CONNECTIONS

In 1970 Lord Thorneycroft and other Tories held a meeting at which extreme Powellite views predominated. Anticipating opposition, the organisers asked Mr Lesley Vaughan, who ran a private detective agency from 108c, Commercial Rd., Southampton, to arrange security for the meeting. Mr Vaughan had a record of nazi activity, including membership of Dr David Brown's National Democratic Party, dating from 1961. It led him eventually to become a founder member of Column 88. By 1970, using the pseudonym Richard Haller within the nazi underground, he had become Column 88's security officer.

Vaughan was the son of a former diplomat whose postings included Moscow and who certainly had close connections with British Intelligence. Vaughan himself had many acquaintances in influential positions. He claims to have spent his military service as a Royal Marine bandsman but there is evidence indicating that he had connections with S.I.S. (then overseas arm of British Intelligence) and that he was wounded in a border escapade very similar to that which befell the fictional "Jim Predo" in John Le Carre's novel "Tinker Taylor, Soldier, Spy" and which resulted in a similar bullet-wound scar to that which "Jim Predo"was described as carrying.

After leaving the Marines Vaughan maintained his government connections: in 1965, when arrested for illegal possession of a gas gun, he cited the Department of the Environment as his employer and in 1974 he was living with his wife in a large house in Wiltshire owned by the Crown Agents. At the same time he maintained another residence , a flat in Portsmouth owned by the Ministry of Defence, complete with exotic mistress. His current business address is at Didcot in Berkshire.

Vaughan has many very interesting friends. They include the extreme reactionary aristocratic landowning Cecil family (the family name of Lord Salisbury) who own tens of thousands of acres not only in Britain but also in Kenya and Zimbabwe (whose capital city is, at present, named after the family). They are known to support the Monday Club, formed in 1961 by Grieg and other Right Wing extremists as a reaction to MacMillan's "Wind of change" policy. The family maintained this support after the death of the former Lord Salisbury in 1972 and one member worked in the Piccadilly offices of the Anglo-Rhodesian Society.

Another of Vaughan's friends is Lord Savernake, related to the Marquess of Aylesbury.

Vaughan is also on friendly terms with Roddy Llewellyn, Princess Margaret's notorious gigolo, who shares extremist reactionary and racist views. Llewellyn and Vaughan met in 1976 at a hotel outside Marlborough, Wilts, to discuss fund raising for the illegal Smith regime in Zimbabwe and planned a local fete in that cause. It is known that Princess Margaret held very reactionary views before her affair with Llewellyn: in the 1960s on a tour of the U.S.A. she met and gave moral support to Garry Allen, leading member of the fascist John Birch Society and more recently revealed her views on the Irish by publicly calling them pigs. In this respect she follows very much in the footsteps of her uncle, the Duke of Windsor who was among the "List of 50" top traitors prepared to more than collaborate with the nazis in their proposed subjection of the British people. In 1937 he held talks with the German N.S.D.A.P. (nazi party), which Anthony Blunt was sent to rescue. It would have proved very embarrassing to the royal family had records of the talks survived. It is probable that the abdication had little to do with Mrs Simpson and more to do with royal embarrassment and was, in any case, regarded only as temporary by the Duke of Windsor who expected a nazi victory over Britain to restore his crown.

It would seem that both Vaughan and Llewellyn are now immune from arrest. In 1976 enquiries about Llewellyn were being controlled by a senior Home Office C.I.D. officer who lives in Sussex. That year Somerset drugs squad called off a raid on a Bath restaurant called the Parsen Sally, an establishment that had connections with Llewellyn. Statements made by some teenagers had led the drugs squad to make enquiries about the place, but as they were about to raid, a certain famous figure was seen leaving by car, unaccompanied by her usual security men. So the embarrassed police called off the raid.

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Another member of this circle is actress Dianne Cilento who is also a close friend of Llewellyn. Her father was a member of the neo-nazi Australian League of Rights and a close friend of its leader, the late Dr Eric Butler who assisted in the formation of the National Front in Britain. She shares with her father and other nazis an obsession with astrology and the occult.

Another aristocratic name that would seem to confer immunity from arrest is Pomeroy, name of the landowning Lords and heirs Warburton. The name cropped up during police investigations following a complaint by a retired army officer that a para-military unit had been operating with fire-arms outside the town of Frome. Two of the Pomeroys were formerly serving army officers. No arrests were made. The family insignia is identical to that used by Ian Souter-Clarence for his Viking Youth Unit in 1967.

Finally there was a secret meeting at the large house of an aristocrat at Burcot, near Calne in Wiltshire a few years ago, which was attended by a friend of Vaughan. The subject under discussion was the possibility of Prime Minister Wilson resigning and being superceded by Michael Foot - a figure who appeared to them to be rather too Left Wing. In that event, the meeting discussed engineering a massive run on the currency to smash the Labour government (the type of economic sabotage that was used against Allende in Chile). When in fact Wilson was superceded by Callaghan the plot was dropped. Those attending the meeting included some of the country's biggest banking representatives, landlords and speculators.

This old boy network of Right Wing extremists with army and intelligence connections can stop books being published, get journalists pushed out of windows (especially Daily Mail journalists), cover up planned putches (such as the one in the Pencourt file which DID exist) and save their friends from arrest. They can also arrange for ministers of state at the Home Office to be sacked by leaking confidential information to the press.

N.B. Editor's note: Princess Margater is Colonel in Chief of the Royal Highland fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment); also the 15/19th Kings Royal Hussars; Princess Louise's Fusiliers and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps and the W.R.A.A.C.. She is deputy Colonel in Chief of the 2nd Anglian Regiment.

PART TWO: THE MILITARY CONNECTIONS

It is a recognisable phenomenon that throughout capitalist countries, military intelligence and state security have close links with the extreme Right. Men like Vaughan are the rule rather than the exception. A similar character is Roy Bramwell who also has links with this "old boy network". A prominent member of the Monday Club and heavy drinker, he also belonged to the "Wagner Circle" that gave rise to Column 88 and preached that power came from the gun. In 1978 his wife Anna was studying "Agriculture in the Third Reich at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Another man with Intelligence links is fascist writer and Monday Club founder member, Ian Greig. His former Monday Club National Council friend (who is now in the N.A.F.F./F.A.) was George Kennedy Young, former deputy head of M.I.6. The extreme reactionary Institute For the Study of Conflict is a medium by which many of these individuals co-operate with foreign Intelligence services, ntoably the American C.I.A. and South African B.O.S.S.

Another person well acquainted with the C.I.A. (West European Divisional Office) is Pualine Russell, secretary to S.I.F. leader and wealthy landowner Sir Ian MacTaggart.

Rather more unlikely among Vaughan's friends is the former alleged Soviet agent, Vassal who met Tyndall and Webster in the 1960s before his arrest and since his release has met Column 88 leading figure Jimmy Doyle.

It is then hardly surprising that Vaughan can travel, with immunity from arrest, to visit members of international terrorist outfits like the A.A.A., U.V.F. and A.N.R. (West Germany). We intend in future to name a lot more people employed by, or formerly employed by the Ministry of Defence who have strong fascist connections.

The armed forces are the most powerful arm of the state, and, as we have often repeated, their attitude is crucial to the success of any attempted fascist rise to power.

Therefore it is hardly surprising that Column 88 seeks close links with military personnel and often uses military facilities for training. For example, in 1967 Mr Ian Souter-Clarence of Overbury Rd., Poole in Dorset, was discovered using Royal Marine Commando equipment for training young people whilst indoctrinating them with nazi ideology (some were boys of only about 12 years of age). In spite of his use of arms

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and ammunition, Mr Clarence has not been arrested.

A police raid on his friends (also nazis), Mark Dinley and his son Peter at a farmhouse in Wiltshire uncovered TWO TONS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION. This resulted in a mere fine of £250. Also involved but not arrested was Phil Smith who ran the Brockenhurst based "League of Venturers.

Clarence, a former school teacher, has "old boy network" links with the S.A.S. and the Royal Marine Commandos. By 1975-76 he had become regional officer for the N.F. without abandoning his para-military activities.

In a communique dated 2/3/77, Column 88's fourth unit referred to the relationship between some serving army officers (probably no more than 5 or 6) and themselves. The existence of these relationships is incontestable. The former N.S.M. and G.B.M. , (National Socialist Movement and Greater Britain Movement) members who form Column 88's cadre corps have nearly all had either service training or previous para-military experience. 138 members passed through the G.B.M. and up to 364 through the N.S.M. making about 450 in all, allowing for some who passed through both. It is believed that about 40 or 50 of these have been recruited by Column 88. Some of these were ex-commandos like Webb and Ling, others para-troopers or R.N. men like Hughes.

By 1970-71 former N.S.M. members like Sparkes and Vaughan were starting to re-appear in Territorial Army and Cadet units. By 1974 the N.F. and B.M. were openly urging their members to join such units. In the Birmingham area alone there have been 16 KNOWN cases of such infiltration since the middle of 1975 involving N.F., B.M. and K.K.K. supporters, entering a total of four units including two N.F. members, Cox and Hamilton, who infiltrated the 223T.A. S.A.A. reserve unit based at Kingstanding. Therefore when "Searchlight" journalists discovered Column 88 training with cadets and T.A. men at Pewsey in Wiltshire they were not surprised. Such fascist-military links for purposes of training and indoctrinating young fascists continue unabated today.

PART THREE: THE TERRORISTS

NORTH WEST The Column 88 group here is known as Wotan or Wotan 18. Its membership is small based around Blackburn and in Manchester. It specialises in attacks on Synagogues. The leadership includes Mr Graham, Mike Noonan and Primrose Knight. Its paper is "Alder und Kreuz". It has planned raids on military bases for arms and has access to military equipment. Noonan is a former junior 88 officer who works as a driver for Polypenco in Manchester.

YORKSHIRE The local group here is the 88 Brigade and is led by an N.F. member from York. It has been behind most of the letter bombings and has links with the Newcastle terrorist cell. It has worked outside its own area on several occasions to make raids in East Anglia and as far as North London. Its last known piece of terrorism since 78 has been a series of threatening letters sent to leftists in Yorkshire.

EAST ANGLIA's group is called Action Mussolini and was probably set up by 11th Hour Brigade members. It is responsible for one arson attack and has sent one letter bomb. Apart from that it has been inactive.

SOUTH MIDLANDS There are several small groups here, ranging from the ineffective but open November 9th Group, which has links to Millard's N.R.P. (National Reorganisation Party) and the Boreham Wood based "S.S. Commando" which is led by a former N.S.M. member. The League of St. George is the main nazi political force in the region.

LONDON The major group here is the "11th Hour Brigade" which has 26 attacks to its credit in London, Brighton and other sections. It is composed almost exclusively of B.M. members.

SOUTH WALES The group near Cardiff is run by B.M. members, some of whom have trained with Column 88 in Devon and Snowdonia where Column 88 runs a "Civil Defence" project.

NEWCASTLE Despite the gaoling of 2 N.F. members on bombing charges, it is accepted that the nucleus of a terrorist group still exists.

MIDLANDS Despite the Rod Roberts-Hervey Stock arms hoard case, there is evidence that in 1978 the members of the Column were training around Claverly on the Bridgnorth road. However since Midlands members are rarely invited to functions in other areas it is presumed that the national leadership consider them to be below normal 88 standards of efficiency.

NORTH WALES There is documentary evidence to show that Column 88 has been training regularly at several sites in North Wales. One document contains a communique signed by B.M. and L.O.S.G. members.

SOUTH COAST There has been considerable activity since 1977 with members often travelling long distances to exercises. In early 1978 a senior nazi, who had run a major group in the 60s, hosted a meeting on the South Coast. It was attended by 88 and B.M. members who discussed a full training programme and planned the Crediton camp, in which Banks assisted initially.

There are one or two other minor groups throughout the country

PART FOUR: THE HITLER BIRTHDAY PARTIES

1974 In Wiltshire Column 88 held a Hitler Birthday Party attended by Vaughan, ling, Short, Myatt and foreign guests. In Birmingham N.F. members Paul Twiss and David King organised a party attended by Column 88 members including Ted Davey, Peter Marrinner (now deputy head of B.M.), a U.D.A. gunman, and Webb (British section of N.S,W. P.U.K.I.) and also the N.F. member later gaoled for 2 years in Newcastle for conspiring to cause explosions. Out of the 45 guests, 30 were N.F. members.

1975 In Wiltshire there was a party identical to that held the previous year.

1976 There was a party at Jimmy Doyle's mansion at Bolney with armed guards. It was attended by foreign guests and 40 Column 88 members in uniform. Ludmilla Roberts sang. At Hagley Colin Jordan attended a party in the St. Johns district at the home of Carr, who is now N.F. West Midlands regional council. At Darwen in Lancs there was a big party at the home of Graham (WOTAN) with apparently about 100 guests who included men carrying guns. One of them was John Knight, former N.S.M. member. Other guests included 88 men like Noonan.

1977 Eddie Morrison, then leader of the British National Party (now an N.F. member) posed beneath a picture of Hitler and told Sunday Mirror journalists "Yes, we had a party". His lieutenants, Short and Myatt had attended a big Column 88 party in 1974. Morrisons party was in Leeds. In Colchester a party was held which was attended by N.F. members and members of South African organisations. In Liverpool a Hitler birthday party was attended by Birkenhead U.D.A. and B.M. members.

N.B. Before the 1977 parties, the police had declared that Column 88 had ceased to exist.

1978 A party was held at the home of an N.F. member in Devizes attended by former N.S.M. members. Firearms were used. Another party was held in Peterborough at the home of N.F. member and editor of "Candour", Kevin Bleach. In London a party was organised by the League of St George whose members attended in uniform. Guests included a member of the N.F. directorate and the N.F.'s North Wales organiser.

1979 A party was held at the home of Roderick Roberts, attended by B.M. and Y.N.F. members (see the "West Midlands Arms haul" case p 14).

1980 ? We will inform you in due course.

PART FIVE: TRAINING CAMPS, FIREARMS TRAINING AND BOMB MAKING LESSONS

1975 AUGUST 23rd/24th in EPPING FOREST This was attended by more than fifteen uniformed fascists including one woman. The camp was organised by N.F. members Jeffreys, Pond Roberts and Clair (who is also in the L.O.S.G.). Some of those present carried guns.

AUGUST 23rd/24th at PATELY BRIDGE This was held on Colin Jordan's land and attended only by B.M. members in uniform.

SEPTEMBER 30th AT MERSEA in ESSEX This was held on a public camping site that had been booked by Clair. It was attended by V.MO. members from Belgium who brought gelignite (mentioned in the "This Week" programme 24/5/76). Also present were: Paul Jarvis (leader of the Viking Youth), Peter Marrinner with other B.M. members, several L.O.S.G members and some Column 88 people including Vaughan and Mudie. 1975 NOVEMBER AND 1976 JANUARY AT SAVERNAKE FOREST Coulmn 88 training camps were held and firearms were carried. Many attended but among those listed in documents were Baldwin, Vaughan, Marrinner and Mudie. A smaller group inclding those named and two others later took part in another exercise in that area with T.A. people from other areas and the local Cadet Unit from Pewsey, of which Vaughan was a member.

1976 BEDFORD IN JUNE A very similar camp was held to that held the previous year at Mersea in Essex. In JULY AT CAMBOURNE The local Column 88 group held their third camp in 18 months organised by Mssrs Jenkin, Stone and Larchman.

1977 at Salisbury heights near CARDIFF Many B.M. members attended a Column 88 summer training camp where guns were used.

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1978 in SNOWDONIA Column 88 held at training camp where participants wore T.A. uniform and carried guns. 1978 in CREDITON John Ba kns and Column 88 organised a full arms training camp for B.M. members which was held in a wildlife park (from the Western Daily Mail). 1978 NORTH NORFOLK A Column 88 group travelled from Dorset to a site between Sandringham and the Wash for a summer training camp , we have reason to believe that the East End of London Viking Youth use the same site. 1977 and 1978 IN DERBYSHIRE AND CHESHIRE Column 88 Wotan members organised a number of camps including one "open day". Many people were involved at different stages including Graham, Knight and Noonan.

PART SIX: THE TERRORIST ATTACKS

Places to which Column 88 members have sent letter bombs include: Colletts London Bookshop; Peace News; the Morning Star; the Conservative Party Central Office, the Communist Party of Great Britain; the National Union of Public Employees, Durham A.N.L.; Ipswich Rock Against Racism; a High Wycombe A.N.L. member and an Asian in Romford.

Places and organisations which have been victims of Column 88 fire-bomb attacks include: Isliington I.M.G.; Unity Books; Centreprise; Brighton Voice; S.W.P. h.Q., Cotton Gardens; Wilton Rd., Community Centre; the Albany Empire multi-racial community theatre, Deptford; the A.N.L. National offices; Paul Singh's restaurant in West Bromwich; Lambeth Community Centre; Ealing Home of Jewish Women and a large number of unclaimed attacks (i.e. Column 88 has admitted responsibility for the attacks listed).

Shots have been fired into the East End offices of the Labour Party.

PART SEVEN: THE FOREIGN CONNECTIONS

A joint communique dated 1977 is signed by Column 88 and other foreign terrorist outfits including: The Ulster Volunteer Force; the Belgian V.M.O.; the West German Aktion Neus Recht; the French Anne Zero; the Triple A (a murder squad) and many other neo-nazi terrorist and para-military groups.

PART EIGHT: THE LAW IN BRITAIN TODAY

Under the Public Order Act of 1936 it is illegal to take part in, the control, maintainance or funding; or to assist in the operation of, a para-military or quasi military formation. Under the same Act it is illegal to wear a uniform for political purposes. It is an offence to steal a firearm or ammunition; or to own either without a licence. It is an offence to make, distribute, send, plant or assist in the production and placing of any explosive substance or device. It is an offence to possess materials to be used in the construction of explosive devices.. It is an offence to drill or train people for political purposes. It is illegal to committ arson, assault, murder and affrays. It is an offence to assist terrorist organisations, to recruit for or supply to organisations like the U.V.F.. It is an offence to bring people into this country against the immigration laws, even more so when those people are German, French or American terrorists (or terrorists of any other nationality). It is an offence to pass information to the secret intelligence services of foreign countries like South Africa, Chile and Argentina. It is an offence to make, secure, handle or deal in false passports; to import gas guns or to conspire to do any of the foregoing.

EVERY OFFENCE LISTED HERE HAS BEEN COMMITTED REPEATEDLY AND WITH IMPUNITY BY COLUMN 88 AND ITS FOLLOWERS IN AN ORGANISED AND SYSTEMATIC WAY SINCE 1968.

In the few cases where convictions have been secured e.g. Mc Mahon, N.F. -explosives; Craven, N.F. - explosives; Birtles, N.F. - explosives; Tierney, N.F. explosives; Bogle, N.F. - firearms; Jarvis (Viking Youth) - gas gun; Alan Hancock (88) - gas gun and Humphries (ex N.S.M.) - pistol , punishments have been ludicrous, i.e. 2 to 7 years for possession of explosives and mere fines for firearms compared with the sentences gi ven to I.R.A. members and anarchists for similar or less sinister offences i.e. 9 years to life for I.R.A. men convicted of possession of explosives with 8 to 25 years for anarchists similarly convicted.

Since 1968 no leader of Column 88 has been charged or convi ted of any offence listed above, although the police have been given plenty of evidence. No hitler birthday parties or training camps have been raided by police, no terrorist groups have been outlawed.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CALL FOR A PUBLIC COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE NAZI UNDERGROUND!

The split in the N.F.

There is a great deal of confusion over the current split in the National Front and so we attempt here to clarify some of the reasons for the split.

The newly formed and well financed faction calling itself the "Constitutional Movement" is still a part of the National Front. It was formed by a group of wealthy N.F. members who controlled the finances of N.F. Properties Ltd.,

They did not force an open breach with the leadership before the general election last year so that they could not be blamed for the N.F.'s disastrous fortunes ate the polls. After that they felt free to attack Martin Webster and his followers.

During the earlier split (1974-75) when the "left" nazis parted company with the N.F. to form the now defunct National Party, those "left" nazis had received some support from Webster. The "left" nazis sought to gain popular working class support by exploiting issues such as unemployment (C.F. feudal"socialism" as described in the Communist Manifesto). This trend is often designated Strasserrism or "National" Bolshevism within the fascist movement.

There are strong indications that in March 1978 Webster was making contact with some of those who had split away with the National Party, many of whom were now involved in the newly formed Wessex Study Group, including Pirie and Richard Lawson the former editor of "Britain First". These men were known to be friendly with Webster.

Naturally the big landowners who dominate the N.F. were aware of a contradiction of their class interests in Webster's attempt to gain popular working class support. Men like Fountaine, Wright, Forsythe-Grant and Kavanagh objected strongly because, they said, they feared that such tactics would frighten way the middle classes. After the election results even Tyndall joined the attack against Webster on this theme in an article in "Spearhead".

Although much has been made of Webster's blatant homosexuality, this was never the "Constitutional Movement"'s main objection. Obviously the puritans within their ranks were offended but there are too many homosexuals in the N.F. altogether, including the "Constitutional Movement" for them to split the N.F. for that reason alone. The real main reason was the black-mailing hold that Webster has over Tyndall and hence over the leadership and direction of the N.F.

Whilst Tyndall was touring the U.S.A. last year, Fountaine attempted to persuade the N.F. Directorate to dismiss Webster. Tyndall feared that this was an attempt by Fountaine to seize the leadership and as soon as he returned he re-instated Webster. Tyndall was also desperate that Webster should not be provoked into disclosing everything that he knew about Tyndall's activities in the 1960s to the police, (most of the N.F. know only too well that Webster subsidises his meagre N.F. salary by selling bits and pieces of information to Special Branch officers). It was after this that the Constitutional Movement was founded within the N.F.

Then to add a little confusion the British Peoples Party was formed.

In the previous split Tyndall had won the battle for the N.F. mainly in London and the Midlands which both proved to be strongholds against Strasserism. In this split the Constitutional Movement had already won the London N.F. and the Midlands had become a marginal battleground. The influential Anthony Reed Herbert of Leicester split from Tyndall to deny him influence over Midlands members that he would have had if the wrangle had been purely internal to the N.F. Herbert also created, by his split, an external base for the C.M., if it lost the internal N.F. struggle. In February 1980 the B.P.P. changed its name to the British Democratic Party.

Tyndall then found himself challenged by a powerful faction of old hardened and, within their own movement, respected nazis, as old and crafty as himself. Webster was blackmailing him and he was facing pressure from the underground nazi Column 88 and the League of St George (See Searchlight's publication of a letter from Doyle - of 88- to Verrall). So last autumn he asked the N.F. A.G.M. for absolute powers and was refused. Next he asked his Directorate, which included no C.M. members to give him such powers in spite of the A.G.M. decision. Although the Directorate wanted his continuing leadership they did not think he could be trusted with absolute power. Webster's supporters feared a sweeping purge to dislodge them. In the end Tyndall decided to test his standing by resigning. He is now in a good position, he has no responsibility for any future N.F. fiascos but a powerful voice in "Spearhead" from wich he has sacked Webster

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and Verrall. Under present circumstances no other leader is likely to be able to improve the N.F. fortunes and he can sit back and criticise from the sidelines.

He probably hopes either somehow or other to remove Webster or else reach some sort of compromise with his rival Fountaine.

Column 88 is playing a very confusing game in this. Though it would not be confessed by those concerned, there is a division of aims. Those wealthy landowners who supply the money naturally want the fascist movement and the N.F. to conform to their ideas of "British respectability", and are therefore strongly opposed to the policies and street brawling activities of Webster and his friends . They want him to go and they have power.

But there is another aim within Column 88, that of the less wealthy privateer gangster fascists. They know that they can never come to power until a far larger sect ion of the wealthy aristocratic landowning class can be persuaded to support them in an attempted military coup. They know that at the moment most aristocratic landowners regard the fascists as a rather revolting form of lower life, only tolerated because, and most likely they only dare admit this to themselves in a nervous and half joking manner, the fascists might come in useful, one day. If the gangster fascists are ever to frighten the landowners into believing that that day has come, then they need clowns like Webster and Derek Day, and Peter Marrinner and Michael McLaughlin of the B.M.. They need them to engineer the break down of law and order (and even to provoke the working classes if need be)that will terrify the landowners. Such a break down will also confuse the rest of the population, while an apparently benign, non-racist military junta takes power " to save Britain" from chaos, anarchy and violence. It is then that the real violence will begin.

Although these privateer gangster fasc ists need clowns like Webster, they are hardly likely to be able to admit this in front of their wealthy landowning colleagues But it is amazing that the wealthy landowners within the nazi underground do not wonder how it is that characters like Webster manage to hang on so tenaciously within the movement, when apparently all s against them, if they are not being discreetly aided by certain sections of Column 88, sections that could not really care less about the reputation and fortunes of the N.F. but seek only to use it as part of a wider strategy.

Unsocial gossip

BY GRAY MALKIN

The strife now raging within the N.F. has brought us a fine crop of gossip for this issue. We start with a document issued by the Constitutional Movement which was sent to us by a reader. We think that it illustrates beautifully the intellectual level at which fascists dispute major matters of ideology and policy: "SPOTLIGHT ON THE PRESENT NATIONAL DIRECTORATE HOW GOOD.....AND HOW BAD! (the document continues in capitals throughout but we will revert to our normal lower-case for our readers' benefit)

Andrew Brons - supporter of perversion

David Bruce - hard working and honest chap with a splendid record.

Michael Cowley - co-opted by Webster and follows him like a dog.

Richard Edmonds - a do nothing nobody and a fool.

William Fitt - hard working and honest chap.

Andrew Fountaine - man of integrity and honour.

Phillip Geegan - a solicitor who follows Webster like a dog.

Paul Kavanagh - incorruptable (their spelling)

Beryl Mitchell - supporter of perversion and stupid old woman.

A. Reed-Herbert - incorruptable and with a splendid record (original spelling again)

John Roberts - an honest man of real ability who is under used (this man has a record of convictions for sadistic violence - what do they intend to use him for ?)

Michael Salt-perverted wretch and homosexual lover of Webster.

Malcolme Skeggs - a quiet man who supports because he is weak (original spelling)

John Tyndall - corrupt and rotten to the core, a con-man.

Richard Verrall - prince of liers, unclean in mind and body(original spelling)

Martin Webster - perverted wretch and homo-sexual lover of Salt and others.

Peter Williams - a do nothing nobody, but has been splendid once.

Jerry Wotherspoon - hard working and honest chap with a splendid record.

George Wright - a man of talent under used.

Blaze Wyndham - a do nothing nobody.

"If you are pure and clean John Tyndall and you are determined to put our party and our members first then we challenge you to call a press conference at a hotel in

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central London by Friday 14th of September and answer every item point by point let's have everything out in the open so that we can go forward without stain and tarnish into the future with heads held high!

"If you do not call this press conference then our entire membership will rightly assume that you are unable to refute one single word of the contents of this publication !!!"

N.B. The comments in parenthesis are Gray Malkin's own. We wonder how anyone, even the amazing J.T., can answer charges phrased in that way, or even keep a straight face while they are read.

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However the Constitutional Movement is not the only problem facing John Tyndall. His wife, the daughter of old nazi C.N. Parkes, is also raising a dissenting voice and considering retiring with their baby daughter to a rural retreat. This is hardly surprising if J.T. has been keeping company with the characters listed above. Or is she worried over the matter about which Webster is blackmailing J.T.? Or is she just fed up with the whole lunatic charade?

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We have just received another product from the Column 88 dirty tricks department. It is a fascist parody of a Peoples' News Service bulletin in which one item complains of a fascist smear sheet put out to discredit them and presumably the second sheet in the envelope is meant to be a copy of that smear. However both sheets are very similar in tone and no one in their right minds could imagine the Peoples' News Service actually writing either and quite plainly the same typewriter has been used for both sheets! The spirit of Phil Hanman still lives - when will they ever learn ?

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Andrew Fountaine, trying to seize the leadership of the N.F., is having difficulty persuading anyone, but in particular the press, that he and his faction could give the National Front a more sane or respectable image than Martin Webster and John Tyndal. Having declared that "We stand for no nazis, no thugs and no queers" he is difficulty explaining why he sports Hitler's hairstyle, his record of service in Franco's army and his involvement in many sordid para-military training camps. His followers are not much better, they include a couple of "heavy" thugs by the names of Callow and May (the latter is an alcoholic) who make even Derek Day look almost intelligent by comparison, a local leader with convictions for molesting children, two who belong to the nazi League of St George and a series of branches in London whose members make the Glasgow razor gangs look like a knitting circle.

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Is it just co-incidence that certain Special Branch Officers drink regularly in the same pub as Martin Webster and that Webster subsequently seems a little more affluent, about £3.25 more affluent? Or is it just that the pub in question, in Victoria, is preferred by the S.B. because it is not a trendy CAMRA pub?

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AN APOLOGY

In the October issue of Forewarned Against Fascism we published the names of Mr Graham Smith and Mr John Gawley as being members of the Freedom Association. We regret the unintentional implication that they were fascists and any suggestion that they might thereby be in favour of nazi violence. We admit that it was a mistake to include them under the heading of "we name the fascists" and we apologise to Mr Graham Smith and Mr John Gawley for any distress this may have caused them.

Our further apologies to them for our errors. Mr Smith and Mr Gawley assure us that they are anti-fascists and we are pleased to note this and admit our error in assuming that their membership of the Freedom Association implied their awareness of the Freedom Association's public support of the fascist and racist regimes of Chile and South Africa respectively and of the former fascist regimes in Greece and Spain.

WE REGRET THAT DUE TO LACK OF FINANCE WE HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY OUR PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON THE COMMUNIST ROLE WITHIN THE ANTI FASCIST MOVEMENT

We also regret the long intervals between editions of this paper, due entirely to the same cause - lack of finance. However we have no intention of giving up the struggle, so long as our readers are prepared to buy this paper (and we never have any trouble selling it) we shall continue to publish it and hope that you will bear with us and donate as much as you can.

B.M. members in big arms case

BY DAVE ROBERTS

Firstly I must explain that a full account of this case cannot yet be published because since eight men were remanded at Birmingham magistrates' court on 20th of March and the case is therefore sub judice. However we can inform readers of the names of those involved and the political connotations of the case, which should come to trial in October.

"Forewarned" will do its utmost to keep you informed of developments but since, for financial reasons, there are over long delays in its publication readers who are interested are recommended to follow the case in the regular monthly anti-fascist journal "Searchlight".

On October 23rd 1979 there was an arson attack on the Careers Centre, Newhall St., Birmingham. Four days later police investigating the matter made dawn raids at several addresses in the West Midlands.

At the time of the arson attack fascist political slogans had been sprayed on the door of the Careers Centre and British Movement recruiting leaflets had been wrapped around fireworks which had been pushed through the letterbox.

In the course of the dawn raids police arrested three men and questioned several others. Later a fourth man was arrested at a pub on the main road by the Warwickshire cricket ground.

In an out-house at one of the addresses raided police found an extraordinarily and alarmingly large cache of arms.

In the new year, following new enquiries, the police raided at least two homes in the West Bromwich area where they discovered even more weapons and made two more arrests. Finally they detained men in Staffordshire on charges relating to the theft and illegal sale of arms.

All eight arrested have been remanded on bail in spite of police objections in three cases. The men charged are:

Harvey Stock, aged 39, a British Leyland production worker from Bournville, Birmingham. He was Birmingham National Front press officer until he left in 1978 after a dispute with Martin Webster (see Forewarned no 3) and joined the British Movement. He is charged with arson at Newhall St.

Roderick Lewis Roberts, aged 26, is a laboratory technician who lives in a flat in Longbridge. He was a member of the N.F. until the dispute over the Dukes (K.K.K.) affair. He is now a member of the B.M. and was host to a Hitler birthday party at his flat last year (see p9) where a uniformed man was seen waving a gun from a first floor balcony. He faces SAMPLE charges of arson; the illegal possession of a sten gun, a shot gun, a C.S. gas riot gun, ammunition and daggers.

Stephen Giles aged 18 from Bicester, a B.M. member, is charged with the possession of a knife.

Harold Simcox, aged 52, of West Bromwich who is a member of the N.F. regional council is charged with possession of a revolver and ammunition without a firearms certificate.

Reginald Allen Cox, aged 35, an arms dealer from Birmingham, is charged with illegal possession of a firearm and rubber bullets.

John Stokes, aged 32, is charged with the theft of a firearm and shot gun cartridges.

John Gimlour is charged with illegal possession of a revolver.

David Franklin O'Reilly, aged 31, is charged with illegal possession of a revolver and the unlawful sale of firearms.

Obviously this case has very serious implications, in particular the very real link with a para-military group mentioned elsewhere in this issue. The haul is far larger than the charges would lead one to believe. Also the threat that arms in the hands of even a few fascists pose to the security of all workers in Britain but especially to ethnic minorities and anti-fascist forces, is of grave concern.

We hope to bring you further reports soon and refer you to our information wanted section on page 5.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CALL FOR A PERMANENT PUBLIC COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE NAZI UNDERGROUND

SINCE THE HOME OFFICE SEEMS UTTERLY COMPLACENT, ANTI-FASCISTS, TRADE UNIONISTS AND ALL DEMOCRATS MUST JOINTLY SET UP AND FINANCE A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO FASCISM IN BRITAIN TODAY.

WORKERS CANNOT AND MUST NOT RELY ON THE MEDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT TO TELL THEM THE EXTENT OF THE THREAT. THEY MUST FIND OUT FOR THEMSELVES IF THEY ARE TO HAVE ANY CHANCE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM FASCISM.

We do not have the resources to do this alone but we can certainly supply plenty of evidence to such a commission and it is needed very urgently.

ROUND BRITAIN NEWS

WOOLWICH Eleven youths were arrested and charged following racist assaults outside the Odeon cinema in Woolwich on Friday 28th of March. Those arrested included both B.M. and Y.N.F. members who were remanded on bail at Woolwich magistrates court on Tuesday 1st of April.

GLASGOW The premises of the Glasgow branch of the Communist Party of Great Britain was recently the target of a fascist attack.

ROTHERHAM Sheffield anti-fascists believe that British Movement members were involved in an arson attack on the I.S.T.C. offices in Rotherham earlier this year.

CITY OF LONDON Last month an Old Bailey judge described a gang of British Movement terrorists as "worse than animals" as they were convicted of unprovoked violence against a black family whom they had found waiting at a bus stop in the City of London on May 27th 1978. However the judge displayed incredible naivete when, justifying his suspension of one of the sentences said to Mark Day, "You have a full record of violence but I am satisfied you have turned over a new leaf. You have joined the Territorial Army"! Obviously he cannot have heard of the British Movement's directive to its members to seek to join the T.A. and Cadet Units in order to gain military and arms training and also to subvert such units politically (see main article on Column 88). Those convicted of unlawfully fighting and causing an affray were Nicola Crane (21) of Plumstead High St SE 18 who was given a 12 months jail sentence suspended for 2 years, fined £100 and ordered to pay £83 costs; Mark Day (19) who now lives in New Romney, Kent was fined £400 and ordered to pay £237 costs; Trevor Lee of Lovel Avenue, Welling, Kent was ordered to undertake 100 hours community service and the ringleader Terence Whitcombe from Harlesden was gaoled for 12 months and two more months were added for breach of a suspended sentence.

BIRMINGHAM The fire at the Star Social Club in Essex St., Birmingham was not due to arson (as we suggested in Forewarned number 7). The fire brigade report blamed neglected boilers. However B.M. members had put posters around the building on the same night as the fire according to local anti-fascists who had been investigating a possible link with a member of a left wing group who had been expelled from that group on September 24th after enquiries into his activities.

SOUTHEND Local A.N.L. members have been very active lately. They have supported national anti-fascist events including the October 6th A.N.L. demonstration in London, the November 25th anti-Tory racist Bill march and rally, the January 20th march to Pentonville prison in support of the Southall demonstrators imprisoned there. They have also picketted Southend Police station on October 10th (the eve of the inquest on the death of Blair Peach) displaying banners and postcards about Blair Peaches death and distributed leaflets to local residents and students. Bill Dunn of the A.N.L. steering committee has addressed the local Trades Council on November 7th and the A.N.L. on March 18th. The A.N.L. branch has a very full programme of activity for the future. Clearly they are not under the illusion that the fascist threat has gone away simply because the N.F. fared badly at the last general election, as some branches appear to believe.

LAMBETH N.F. activist Kenneth Matthews and two other N.F. supporters were arrested for possession equipment to make fire bombs with intent to committ arson at the Community Centre in Union Place. Anti-fascist sources had earlier linked Matthews name to the arson attack on the Albany Theatre, Deptford in 1978. Before the arrests a large gang of fascists had invaded a meeting of the Socialist Workers Party and disrupted it, causing many casualities.

LEAMINGTON The latest issue of L.A.R.A.F.C. publication has strongly stressed the need to increase anti nazi activity. It criticised those who were running down the struggle and cited a series of new moves by the nazis to re-establish themselves.

ELTHAM Following enormous upheavals in the local N.F. due to the factional warfare between the N.F. directorate and the Constitutional Movement, the directorate is endeavouring to establish a new N.F. branch in the Eltham area.

MANCHESTER An emergency meeting of the North West A.N.L. committees was called after criticism of the A.N.L. national

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leadership. The meeting, held on January 27th 1980, called for new initiatives to restore the prestige and fighting qualities of the A.N.L. and strongly condemned any attempt to lessen the struggle.

SOUTHALL A report on the Southall riots and subsequent court cases has been prepared by the Runnymeade Trust. The report, written by defence lawyer Robin Lewis strongly criticises the police and judiciary and states that in effect the whole Southall community was victimised. It criticises the location of many of the hearings (many were held away from the area in magistrates courts which seemed to want to deal with each case in a quick assembly line manner, with scant attention to evidence). Also the report condemns the way many of the charges were made, many of those arrested arrived at the police station to find charge sheets already prepared, with details of invented offences already written and requiring only the victim's name and address to be added. The police had also refused to disclose the evidence against many of those charged to their defence lawyers so that victims entered the court with little or no knowledge of the case they were facing. Very many were simply bound over, a technique which denied them the opportunity to establish their complete innocence of any offence or to challenge the very often conflicting and ludicrous police evidence. Furthermore the conviction rate was very inconsistent with some magistrates giving prison offences frequently for offences which were normally considered trivial and for which other magistrates gave fines or discharges.

SANDWELL The A.G.M. of Sandwell C.A.R.F. has called for unity between C.A.R.F. branches and the Anti Nazi League. It also deplored the lessening of A.N.L. activity in some areas. Dave Roberts addressed the meeting as a fraternal speaker from the A.N.L. He outlined the fascist resurgence and warned of the consequences of a Thatcher inspired cold war and witch hunt against the Left which could divert public attention from fascists on to an imaginary threat from the Left. Mike Peckmore, a member of the N.C.P. was elected as S.C.A.R.F. secretary for 1980.

BASILDON Basildon Council for Community Understanding have expressed their regret at their local M.P., Harvey Proctor's call for a complete ban on commonwealth immigration. Council secretary Walter Searle said that it would cause a great deal of unnecessary fear and worry.

BIRMINGHAM Mr Robert Wu, a member of Birmingham Poly A.N.L. was attacked with a beer glass and given head wounds that required 15 stitches outside the Plough public house in the Harborne district. This was only one of a series of nazi inspired attacks that took place in Birmingham during February.

DARTMOOR There are reports that in Dartmoor prison, racist prison officers stick golliwogs onto the doors of coloured prisoners. At least six prison officers there are believed to be N.F. members. The Home Office is now investigating allegations of brutality, in particular towards coloured prisoners. The chairman of the prison officers association denied that he was a member of the N.F. though he entirely agreed with their politics. He simply did not support "the antics of the idiots who run the party". He did not think that membership or support of the N,F. ammounted to racialism, nor did he think it inflamatory.

Recently John Tyndall claimed a particularly strong level of support for the N.F. from among prison officers generally but particularly at Strangeways, Pentonville, Wormwood Scrubs, Leeds and Walton. He also claims a high level of covert support from police officers. P.R.O.P., the prisoners' rights organisation has expressed grave anxiety over racism in British prisons.

BIRMINGHAM On Sunday, January 27th around 3,000 people marched to comemorate Bloody Sunday. Round 300 B.M. and N.F. supporters tried unsuccessfully to attack the march. 17 fascists were arrested of whom 16 were fined at a magistrates court and one, Robert Wallace, was remanded for trial. Before and after the march the fascists made many violent attacks. Their targets included a bookshop, a womens' meeting, Labour Party offices and several individuals. A Sinn Feinn spokesman named a number of individuals as being mainly responsible for fomenting anti-Irish feeling. They were: Raymond Deeley, David Goddard, Peter Marrinner, David Minor, Harvey Stock, Robert Wallace and Stephen Holiday.

EUSTON The re-called delegate conference of the Campaign Against Racist Laws (C.A.R.L. met at Friends Meeting House in Euston on March 22nd. It was attended by nearly 100 delegates and observers from more than 60 committees and organisations.

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Reports were given by Mr Tony Huq of the Bangla Desh Workers and Mr Ian Martin of J.C.W.I. After Mr Huq's state ment allegations were made that the I.W.A. (Prem Singh) had opposed the continuation of C.A.R.L. but these were strongly refuted. There were further attempts to introduce discord when the Revolutionary Communist Tendency tried to re-open discussion on the C.A.R.L. attitude to immigration controls but they were reminded that C.A.R.L. had voted on this issue on October 20th 1979 by Mr Sharma of the C.P.G.B. and Southall I.W.A.

The R.C.T. also opposed the idea to name the six S.P.G. constables responsible for the murder of Blair Peach on the April 27th demonstration.

In another fierce exchange the Asian Youth Movement and Socialist Workers Party clashed over alleged discrimination against Cypriot supporters of the S.W.P. at a Hammersmith planning meeting for the Civil Rights march that will take place from Bradford to London later this year.

C.A.R.L. decided to mobilise support for the April 27th Blair Peach rally, give critical support to the Asian Youth march and build up local C.A.R.L.s, adopting a national newsletter and an organiser of new initiatives.

C.A.R.L. must be commended for the unity it has built on a minimum programme in difficult circumstances. however it is regretted that it fails to adopt a deeper class understanding of the evils it attempts to combat and fails to see that Social Democracy is just a part of the whole bourgeois state system and that mere removal of the Tories from office will accomplish nothing and that the racist laws must be combatted in a context of the general struggle against the fascist threat to the whole of Britain, black and white.

ROCHDALE A young mother, born in Britain, Anwar Dita is at the moment separated from her three children because the Home Office refuses to acknowledge that they are hers. Anwar was obliged to spend some years in Pakistan recently but when she tried to return to Britain her children were refused entry, in spite of all the necessary evidence that they were her children. A campaign has been launched on their behalf by the J.C.W.I., the N.C.C.L. and C.A.R.L. and a demonstration is planned for 26th of April in Manchester. The campaign address is 127, Crawford St., Rochdale (phone 39832).

BIRMINGHAM Mr Michael Mulverhill, an N.U.S. committee member at the University of Aston has resigned after learning that he faced a "no confidence" motion. Mr Mulverhill is a member of the Monday Club and an N.F. supporter and was responsible in 1979 for introducing extemist Right Wing speakers into the university. These included : Raffe Herbert the anti-semite; John Gouriet of the Freedom Association; a speaker from Tory Action and a speakers from the Christian League of Southern Africa. Mr Mulverhill also tried to incite white youths against Left Wing paper sellers outside the "Country Girl" public house at Saltley in February. Last year the "Sun"* published a photograph of Mulverhill in a K.K.K. outfit(1* refers to the Student paper the "Birmingham Sun").

EALING Racist teacher Stephen Brady of the League of St George has bech suspended from his position at Elthorne Comprehensive school (where many of the pupils are black) during investigations into his former conviction for an assault in which a tear gas cylinder exploded in a mans face and his links with racist outfits such as the L.S.O.G. and the K.K.K. he is currently a member of the L.S.O.G. and the Wessex Study Group.

Forewarned has discovered that he also has close links with the U.V.F. and has been recruiting for them , enlisting fascists who are willing to take part in the assassination of Roman Catholics in the North of Ireland. We sincerely hope that Ealing Council will not entrust their children's education to this man again.

ABBEY WOOD In Abbey Wood in South East London there has been an alarming increase in racist attacks. In particular one Asian family has been badly victimised, both at home and at the school attended by the children. They have been mobbed by large gangs of very young hooligans chanting racist slogans and much malicious damage has been done to their home. There are reports that the incidents follow the encouragement of racist feelings in young children by a couple of local teachers who have links with fascist organisations. Another family living in Woolwich has suffered similar attacks and had all the windows of their home broken on four successive nights.

SHEFFIELD We have a lengthy report from Yorkshire anti-fascists concerning the covert struggle between the local A.N.L. and N.F. over the last few years

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They report that due to anti-fascist researches they were aware of a letter from Martin Webster to certain key people in the N.F. about a false information campaign and were able to anticipate it. Thus when a Mr Peter Graves arrived in South Yorkshire as a N.A.L.G.O. representative they already knew that he was working with Kevin Bleach, Richard Lawson of the National Party and Wessex Study Group; Michael Lobb(who arrived in Lancashire calling himself Crawford) David MacCalden and another young man from North London with L.S.O.G. connections who visited many left wing and Jewish organisations. The anti-fascists were able not only to totally negate any advantage the fasvists might have gained from their planned false information campaign and drive to recruit within the trades unions but also, by observing the fascists closely, to discover many N.F. contacts within the unions and gain much information about the N.F. in the area generally.

They used this well in an isolation campaign that resulted in six key members leaving the N.F., four of them being trades unionists.

HACKNEY The London Borough of Hackney has at last decided to issue the National Front with an eviction order in regard of their headquarters in Great Eastern St. This decision was made after very lengthy hearings during which local anti-fascist and community groups made the case for eviction by explaining why the existence of the N.F. H.Q. in that place was detrimental to the whole area. The N.F. had never gained planning permission to use the premises as a political H.Q. but only as a warehouse.

The hearing became a comedy as the N.F. tried to assert that "Excalibur House" is in fact used by them only as a warehouse and not as an H.Q., inspite of it being given as their H.Q. in "Spearhead" and in all internal N.F. documents. Derek Day and Richard Verrall were their main spokesmen and at one point Richard Verral was telling the hearing that no notice should be taken of what is written in "Spearhead" because it is not an official N.F. document, and yet the issue to which he was referring was edited by - Richard Verral! Well, now he has told us, no one should believe anything he writes or says. "Forewarned" was pleased to be able to supply information, including internal N.F. documents to the legal representatives of the Hackney Trades Council.

GLASGOW The N.F. plan to march under the slogan "Smash the I.R.A." was banned by local police so the N.F. set up the "Scottish Loyalists" as a front organisation. Some 500 assembled on Glasgow Green and some attempted to defy the ban by marching. However police had blocked the route with buses and 58 fascists were arrested.

Although the counter demonstration organised by the Trades Council was also banned about 400 A.N.L. supporters distributed leaflets throughout the city. The N.F. say that they plan another march for April.

SOUTHWARK On March 2nd the N.F. marched through Southwark under the slogan "Protect our old-folk - repatriate the muggers". Only about 800 attended, most of them young skinheads. It was led by Verral, Brons and Webster but Lawson of the Wessex Study Group (ex- N.P.) was also present selling a new fascist paper "Heritage and Destiny". The march was palnned to go north to the Elephant and Castle past the new Labour Party H.Q. but instead went south endind in a cul-de-sac in Peckham, much to the confusion of the marchers who subjected local black residents to much racist abuse. To the further annoyance of the fascists the public loo in the park bordering the cul de sac was closed by police.

There were two anti-fascist demonstrations both well supported, one at the Labour Party H.Q. and one at the Elephant and Castle. A couple of S.C.A.R.F. members were arrested at Peckham Station.

The police operation to protect the fascists from indignant local residents and anti-fascists cost the tax payers more than £250,000.

LEWISHAM The N.F. have been banned from holding a rally in Lewisham Town Hall on Sunday 20th April (a Hitler birthday celebration?) and therefore plan to hold a march and rally instead. Local residents remembering the riots caused by the N.F. march through Lewisham two years ago, are seeking to ban this march and rally also.

SUPPORT THE DEMONSTRATION TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHALL MURDER OF BLAIR PEACH ON SUNDAY 27TH OF APRIL.

ASSEMBLE 1.P.M. AT SPEAKERS CORNER, MARBLE ARCH TO MARCH VIA SCOTLAND YARD TO A RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH
DISBAND THE S.P.G.
AMNESTY FOR SOUTHALL
STOP TORY RACIST LAWS

international news

CANADA The Canadian Rock Against Racism was launched at a successful Rock concert in Toronto, despite threats from the "Western Guard" and the K.K.K. to disrupt it.

EL SALVADOR The Romero government of El Salvador is pretty Right Wing by any standards. Workers are repressed and civil liberties do not exist - the normal method of execution for left wing political prisoners is to be tortured to death. And yet, according to "sources in Washington" the country is threatened by a Right Wing coup. The reason for this threat? The Romero government has been attempting drastic land reforms and the handful of families who used to own all the land in El Salvador also happen to control the army.

ARMENIA The groups calling themselves "Action Armenia" and the "Armenian Liberation Army" have claimed responsibility for bomb attacks on Soviet premises in Europe. The latest was an Aeroflot (Soviet State Airline) office in France. The A.L.A. in its latest communique boasted that this was in "retaliation" for the execution, one year before, of the fascists who bombed a Moscow metro train, killing innocent civilians. At their trial the fascists had quoted Hitler as justification for their atrocities and described the Soviet State and people as being "under the thumb of Jewry".

TURKEY "Turkey Today", the paper of the Union of Turkish Progressives in Britain reports that while the workers from the Taris factories in Izmir and thousands of other who have demonstrated against fascist terror and repressive legislation in recent months have been herded into sports stadia and arenas without food or hygenic facilities, prison officials have been aiding convicted fascist murderers and terrorists to beat anti-fascist prisoners and visitors and to escape by the thousand.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA The Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia has been commemorating the 35th anniversary of its liberation by the Red Army. "Czech Life", the English Language journal of the C.S.S.R. has asked readers for their views on the resurgence of neo-nazism and fascism and there have been some splendid articles in recent issues.

Quote of the month from an Afghan rebel tribesman, commenting on the republican government's attempts to introduce reforms including education for women:" That is my dog and that is my woman"!

How we lost our land

part three

This article is part of a continuing series on the history of private landownership, the growth of the private landowning class and its reasons for resorting to the support of fascist coups when threatened by land reforms.

In the last part we ended with the growth of the woollen industry in Britain, the enclosure movement turning peasants off of the land and the capitalist system in embryonic form. The old rigid feudal system was breaking down and new classes were arising. In the towns wool merchants with the capital to do so, or who could borrow the capital from the new Lombardy bankers, began to gain economic control over the whole process of woollen cloth production. They would buy wool from the wealthy feudal landlords who were turning their peasants off of the land in order to keep sheep, or from the new class of small yeoman farmers who owned or rented their land privately and employed their servants as wage labourers, not tied serfs with rights to the land. Then the merchants would take the unspun wool in turn to the fullers, bleachers, dyers, spinners and weavers in their own cottages, paying each for their service. Eventually they began to assemble all these workers together under one roof - in factories where the whole process of turning raw wool into cloth for export was completed and the formerly independent craftsmen were now employed by the merchants as wage labourers in the factories.

The rigidity of the feudal class system received another blow when Henry 7th, after the devasting civil wars of the roses consolidated the power of the monarchy by destroying that of the barons. Laws were passed banning the private armies of retainers of the great lords (these had been the basis of the feudal armies) and special secret courts, The Courts of the Star Chamber were founded to deal with rebellious nobles. Also crippling taxes were imposed upon the aristocracy. It was the advent of gunpowder, with which feudal forts and castles could easily be destroyed, that made all this possible.

Then came the discovery of the Americas and opportunities for adventurers to go and find fortunes in the new world, robbing gold from the natives or trading in tobacco or slaves.

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The feudal class structure could not stand this pressure and began to decay. New classes of capitalists, private enterprise adventurers, urban workers arose, as well as an army of beggars - former peasants who had been turned off of their land. New poor laws were written which forced most of these dispossessed vagabonds to accept being bound, like slaves, to urban employers. The penalties for refusal were very sadistic.

In spite of Henry 7th's taxes, by the reign of Henry 8th the monarchy was once again virtually bankrupt. The break with the church of Rome and the dissolution of the monasteries permitted Henry 8th to sell, as privately owned land, vast estates that had belonged to the church and thus redeem his financial situation. Thus when Brendan Behan asserts that the church of England is based on the love life of Henry 8th, he is not quite accurate - it also owes something to Henry 8th's empty purse. This greatly increased the new class of private landowners, some small yeomen and others, many former feudal lords who had the wealth to buy the land, as absolute owners of vast estates. These private landowners had the best of all worlds. They had the power and authority in their locality, over theirtenants and employees of the feudal lords (even if they no longer had the military power to challenge the monarchy) without any of the social obligations to their tenants and employees that the feudal lords had had. Many invested in the newly growing urban industries. Among the newly growing urban capitalist class, the proof of having attained REAL wealth was the ability to buy an estate and become a landowner.

This new class of private landowners was soon challenging for power within the state. The Tudor monarchs encouraged it as a counter to the formerly powerful purely feudal aristocrats but it was resisted, particularly in the predominantly Catholic North of England, from where the Pilgrimage of Grace (a protest at the dissolution of the monasteries) originated.

Eventually, under the less progressive Stewart monarchs, this class challenged the monarchy itself, trying to destroy all the old feudal ties and restrictions which impeded its accumulation of wealth. In particular they refused to pay any taxes imposed by the monarchy but not endorsed by their own assembly of spokesmen - Parliament. This resulted in the civil war and the military defeat of the monarchy. The new class of private landowners called upon the urban capitalists and urban workers to support them in opposing feudal monarchist autocracy. The urban workers were pleased to do this, but in the process of the war became conscious of their own potential military strength and the illogicality of risking their lives fighting feudal autocracy only to leave themselves slaves at the end of it to the new avaricious private landowners and bourgeois (i.e. urban) manufacturing capitalists. They began to express their own political aspirations in a movement known as the Levellers. The strength of the Levellers so terrified the class of private landowners and the bourgeois manufacturers that eventually they were happy to compromise with their former enemies. The Restoration of the Monarchy was the result of this compromise. The monracly was allowed to return, with FULL CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES so long as it agreed to support the new Protestant private landowners against the Catholic feudalists. The private landowners were still powerful enough in the time of James 2nd to force the abdication of the monarch because of his sympathies for the feudalistic Catholics.

However the feudalists did not disappear entirely and continued to oppose the Protestant monarchy for many years, especially from the North of England and from Scotland, wheretne pre-feudal clan system still dominated in the Highlands. This system imposed even more social obligations on the head of the clan (who in no way was considered to be the owner of the land occupied by his clan, but merely manager in chief on behalf of the whole family) and was somewhat akin to the old communal tribal system. The resistance of the feudals and clansmen culminated in the 1745 rising of Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Young Pretender against the Protestant Hanoverian monarchy and was totally annihilated at the battle of Culloden. After this all remnants of feudalistic Catholic support was ruthlessly sought out and exterminated.

It was the new ruling class of private landowners which, in a mutually very beneficial alliance with manufacturing capitalists, has ruled Britain ever since and still firmly controls our armed forces - the most poerful section of the state.

More in our next issue

Comments from the classics

"Fortunately for England, the old feudal barons had killed one another during the Wars of the Roses. Their successors, though mostly scions of the old families, had been so much out of the direct line of descent that they constituted quite a new body, with habits and tendencies far more bourgeois than feudal. They fully understood the value of money, and at once began to increase their rents by turning hundreds of small farmers out and replacing them by sheep. Henry VIII., while squandering the church lands, created fresh bourgeois landlords by wholesale; the innumerable confiscations of estates, regranted to absolute or relative upstarts, and continued during the whole of the 17th century, had the same result. Consequently, ever since Henry VII., the English 'aristocracy', far from counteracting the development of industrial production, had, on the contrary, sought indirectly to profit thereby: and there had always been a section of the great landowners willing, from economical or political reasons, to cooperate with the leading men of the financial and industrial bourgeoisie. The compromise of 1689 was, therefore, easily accomplished. The political spoils of 'pelf and place' were left to the great landowning families, provided the economic interests of the financial, manufacturing and commercial middle class were sufficiently attended to. And these economic interests were at that time powerful enough to determine the general policy of the nation. There might be squabbles about matters of detail but, on the whole, the aristocratic oligarchy knew too well that its won economic prosperity was irretrievably bound up with that of the industrial and commercial middle class.

"From that time, the bourgeoisie was a humble, but still a recognised component of the ruling classes of England."

FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO "SOCIALISM, UTOPIAN AND SCIENTIFIC" BY FREDERICK ENGELS.

"What should the British bourgeois do without his aristocracy, that taught him manners, such as they were, invented fashions for him - that furnished officers for the army, which kept order at home, and the navy, which conquered colonial possessions and new markets abroad?" IBID

"It seems a law of historical development that the bourgeoisie can in no European country get hold of political power - at least for any length of time - in the same exclusive way in which the feudal aristocracy kept hold of it during the Middle Ages. Even in France, where feudalism was completely extinguished, the bourgeoisie, as a whole, has held full possession of the government for very short periods only.

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"In England, the bourgeoisie never held undivided sway. Even the victory of 1832 left the landed aristocracy in almost exclusive possession of all the leading government offices." IBID.

"Negatively, when capital has established landed property and thus attained the double aim of 1) agricultural industry and thus development of the productive forces of the earth and 2) wage-labour and thus the generalised domination of capital over the land, it considers the existence of landed property itself as a merely transitory form of development: it is necessary as the action of capital on the old landed property relationships and a product of their dissolution. But once this aim has been achieved, landed property is only a barrier to profit and no necessity of production. Thus capital tries to dissolve private property in land and transfer it to the state." FROM KARL MARX'S "GRUNDRISSE"

But what happens when capitalists, in time of crisis, feel the urge to dissolve private property in land and transfer it to the state, forgetting that the private landowners are still in control of most of the state apparatus, especially the armed forces?

"The fascists are, primarily, a weapon in the hands of the large landowners. The industrial and commercial bourgeoisie are following with great anxiety the experiment of ferocious reaction, which they regard as black bolshevism." FROM THE COMINTERN'S VERY FIRST STATEMENT ON FASCISM, November 5th 1922.

In other words, the result of capitalist attempts at land reforms is invariably a fascist coup UNLESS ALL THE PROGRESSIVE CLASSES, I.E. THE WORKING CLASSES AND THE PROGRESSIVE MANUFACTURING CAPITALISTS ARE MOBILISED TO PREVENT FASCISM.

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continuing saga of master-race super-heroes
y Barrent Ravensbourne Gray, inspired by Bran the Mouse.

NEWSCAN

Prominent in the news lately has been the apparent infiltration and subversion of the Labour Party by the Trotskyite "Militant" group. It seems that the investigations are being conducted by a Mr Reg Underhill.

Some members of the "Forewarned" editorial board can remember a similar course of events in the Labour Party Young Socialists in 1964 (it seems like eons ago) when the same Reg Underhill was investigating the extent of the infiltration and subversion of the L.P.Y.S. by the Trotskyite Socialist Labour League. There was just the same panic, the same witch-hunting and the same disregard for accuracy in distributing accusations. We can even recall one Young Socialist spending a whole evening at a party in Orpington arguing with a man from Transport House, defending the historical role of Stalin and comparing it to that of Oliver Cromwell, and then being described the following day, by the man from Transport House, as a Trotskyite! Such was the extent of Labour Party paranoia. Anyone so much as a shade to the Left of Harold Wilson was automatically dubbed a Trot. The Trot paper "Keep Left" was banned.

This scaremongering had three main effects. Firstly it gave the Trots an unwarranted boost and advertisement - it made them appear far more numerous and better organised than they were and aroused Young Socialist curiosity about them. There is nothing like banning a paper to make sure young people will try to get hold of a copy. The vast majority of these Young Socialists had had no other theoretical political education whatsoever, so their minds were a blank sheet for the Trots to write in whatever illogical notions they chose, and these notions soon congealed into firm prejudices, all the more insidious for being taken for granted and never questioned at all. Thus many youngsters joined the S.L.L. for a while. The S.L.L. was an extremely activist organisation - members were kept so busy selling the paper etc that they rarely had time to read it thoroughly, let alone think deeply about it. Most of them were pretty disillusioned before long and left, but still retained the prejudices implanted in their vulnerable minds by the Trots and were divided forever from the mainstream of the international proletarian movement and most turned to drugs or drink or dropped right out of political activity altogether. Almost a whole generation was lost to the Labour Movement.

Another effect of the scaremongering within the Labour Party was that it created an artificial rift of suspicion between the generations within the Labour Party, ensuring that there would be no communication of experience and knowledge from the older generation to obstruct the influence of the S.L.L. on the young.

The third main effect was the creation of a "red scare" throughout the country, playing right into the hands of the extreme Right Wing. That was not such a dangerous folly in 1964 as it is today!

Reg Underhill knows what he is doing, he has done it before - he knows the effects of his tactics. We can only infer WHY

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"Forewarned" notes with interest that in the struggle at Leylands it is now the T.G.W.U., representing the unskilled low paid workers that has taken the lead from the A.U.E.W. in both the economic battle (for higher pay) and the political battle (to protect union officials, even A.U.E.W. union officials, from victimisation).

It vindicates predictions that the more skilled higher paid workers, who have so far succeeded in gaining all the economic advantages they have sought from within the bourgeois state as it is, are bound to be less militant and less interested in challenging the state. And also that the lower paid who are in the pauper trap (i.e. any wage rise they achieve results in losses of family income supplement, rent rebates etc that leave them worse off for the rise) cannot improve their condition at all by purely economic action and therefore must begin to consider political action.

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The current rises in the cost of living, and in particular electricity can only have one effect on the crime rate. For a poor family, living in a modern all electric house with no fire-place and faced with an impossible electricity bill, what discouragement is the prospect of prison for attempting to steal money to pay the bill? Prisons have roofs, meals and they are heated to some extent at least. We are under no illusions that prison life is easy. But life for a poor but honest person, especially if they are unemployed, is far worse surrounded by a cold and miserable family in a cold dark pigeon hole in a tower block. We are begining to reach the stage where many Britons have nothing to lose but their misery.

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create the public disorder that a military junta would need as an excuse to seize power.

The real motive behind a fascist coup would be defence of large landowning interests from land reforms (or severe taxes on rents) threatened by a capitalist government which, in time of dire crisis, urgently needed to cut all production costs but especially rents. Rents are a totally unnecessary tax by landowners, who did nothing to create the land and gained possession of it from the community by force of arms, on the rest of the population for the privilege of living, working or trading on dry land.

This is contrary to popular belief that fascist coups are a last resort reaction to a threat of proletarian revolution. This misconception leads to grave errors on the part of anti-fascists. In the first place it leads to a failure to recognise a threatening fascist coup. It is this failure that lies behind many Left Wing organisations and parties lack of concern regarding the anti-fascist movement.

Secondly it leads to a failure by Left Wing anti-fascists to recognise that they have many potential, powerful and influential allies in the anti-fascist struggle in the progressive manufacturing bourgeoisie who, more than anyone else, need to be released from the suffocating burden of paying rent to private landowners.

It was to draw attention to these errors that "Forewarned" was launched two years ago. We have had a very hard struggle to survive purely through lack of finance. We have attracted a good deal of moral support which has resulted in a near tidal wave of information on the fascists from anti-fascist groups throughout the country. But alas most of our supporters are, like us, very short of cash and many are already committed to other organisations which impose demands upon their pockets. Therefore, as long as our readers are prepared to bear with us and tolerate our poor standard of production, we shall do our best to continue at our present level of finance. It is likely that next year we shall be in a slightly better financial position.

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